TITLE 730. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CHAPTER 45. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE

RULEMAKING ACTION:

Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:

730:45-1-3. Administration [AMENDED]

730:45-1-4. Use of funds [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:

The proposed amendments are needed to update the rules and bring them into compliance with statutory changes that renamed the Department's program division to the Office of Mobility and Public Transit Division and to clarify how the Department can use funds

AUTHORITY:

69 O.S. 2021, §§ 301, 322, 323, 324, 4002, 4005 and 4031, 4032, 4033, 4034, 4035; Oklahoma Transportation Commission.

COMMENT PERIOD:

Persons wishing to present their comments or view in writing may do so before 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2022, to Lisa Erickson Endres, ODOT Assistant General Counsel and Administrative Procedures Rulemaking Liaison, 200 N.E. 21st, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or at lendres@odot.org.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A public hearing has not been scheduled; however, pursuant to 75 O.S., Section 303(B)(9), "persons may demand a hearing" by contacting Lisa Erickson Endres, ODOT Assistant General Counsel and Administrative Procedures Rulemaking Liaison, at (405) 521-2681 or lendres@odot.org no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2022.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:

N/A

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:

Copies of the proposes rules may be obtained from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Lisa Erickson Endres, Assistant General Counsel, 200 N.E. 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or a request for a copy of the rules can be sent electronically to lendres@odot.org.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:

Pursuant to 75 O.S., §303(D), a rule impact statement is being prepared and will be available for review on or before December 15, 2022, at the above address or on the ODOT website beginning on December 15, 2022.

CONTACT PERSON:

Lisa Erickson Endres, (405) 521-2681 or lendres@odot.org

730:45-1-3. Administration

Responsibility for administering these financial assistance programs is hereby vested in the Transit Programs Branch Office of Mobility and Public Transit and in the office of the Deputy Director. Expenditures of both federal and state funds will be made in accordance with the State Management Plans developed by the Transit Programs Branch. Office of Mobility and Public Transit.

730:45-1-4. Use of funds

The Department is hereby authorized to expend any available federal grants and state funds in strict accordance with applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations, and to expend legislative appropriations for non-highway purposes to lawfully assist in the development, administration and operation of local and statewide public transportation services, including but not limited to publicly and privately owned inter-city and intra-city bus services, passenger rail services, and para-transit services. The Department is also authorized to expend the aforementioned funds to provide direct public transportation technical assistance, to compile and disseminate relevant transit information including but not limited to inventories of existing transit equipment, facilities and services, statistics on systems' operations, information on technical innovations, legislation legislatively enacted programs, and alternative solutions to statewide transit issues.